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Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., a draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared for proposed temporary housing and program structures at the State of Hawaii's Department of Public Safety facilities on the Island of Hawaii. These proposed improvements are subject to NEPA review because they are being funded, in part, with Federal funding available under the Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth-in-Sentencing Initiative Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Proposed Action

The proposal would add temporary housing and program structures at the Kulani Correctional Facility and Hale Nani Annex of the Hawaii Community Correctional Center as well as mobile restrooms and storage units. The housing structures would be capable of housing a total of 128 inmates at the Kulani Correctional Facility and 64 inmates at the Hale Nani Annex. These housing structures would be used to transition higher-level security inmates already in the system to much needed lower-level security beds, thereby increasing the availability of higher-level security beds, and would not increase the overall populations of the two facilities. Also, walk-through and portable electronic detection devices to screen individuals for narcotics without the need for physical contact would be added at the Kulani Correctional Facility (CF) and the Hawaii Community Correctional Center (CCC). The project sponsor is the Hawaii Department of Public Safety.

Project Location

The proposed sites for the structures are on the grounds of the Hale Nani Annex and the Kulani CF. The latter facility as well as the Hawaii CCC would be equipped with the above referenced electronic detection devices. The addresses of the three affected facilities are as follows: Hawaii CCC, 60 Punahele Street, Hilo, HI, 96720; Hale Nani Annex, 3200 Kanoelehua Hwy, Hilo, HI 96720; Kulani CF, HC 01, Stainback Highway, Hilo, HI, 96720.

Findings

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has determined that this proposal would not significantly affect the quality of the human or physical environment. Therefore, it is not expected that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for this proposal.

Public Comments

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Environmental Assessment from or may submit written comments relating to this Draft Finding of No Significant Impact to the following address: Clayton A. Frank, Director, Hawaii Department of Public Safety, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 400, Honolulu, HI 96814, Email: psd.nepa@hawaii.gov.

No administrative action will be taken on the project before October 8, 2008, which is 30 calendar days after the public notice of this Draft Finding of No Significant Impact. (SB62507 9/7, 9/8/08)

Start Date: 09/07/2008 End Date: 09/15/2008